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The Cover . . .

Members of the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are shown in some of the numerous activities which won for them first society award in the 1966 Citizenship Awards Program. Details are outlined on page five of this issue.

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Behind the Wall

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"At present Christians cannot expect promotions in their jobs.

"At present Christians cannot hold any government position.

"Rationed goods are often harder for the Christian to get.

"Two out of every ten persons in East Germany is a spy."

In response to the question, "What is the hope of the church?" he replied, "We feel the hope of the church is a revitalized laity. The layman has been taught for three to four centuries to sit and listen. This is difficult to overcome."

He continued, "Jesus Christ is Lord. We in Eastern Germany must learn in a new way what this means in the life of the individual."

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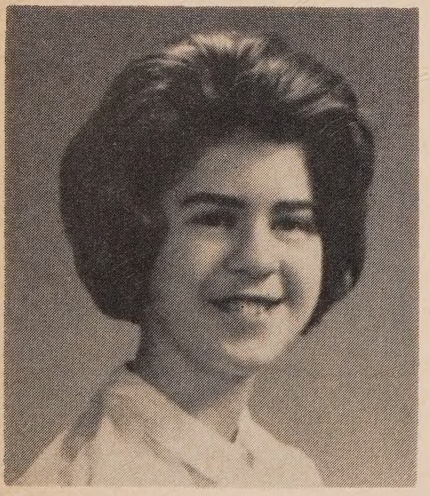
The 1966 Albert H. Diebold Awards

MEET THE WINNERS

The winning individuals and societies in Christian Endeavor's 1966 Citizenship Awards Program have just been announced by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society. Awards will be presented locally as arranged cooperatively by the International Society with Christian Endeavor leaders and/or local church leaders. Each winning individual and society will receive a cash award as shown, plus a special award plaque. Honor certificates will be presented to all other qualified entrants.

In addition to the first place winners listed on this page, other individual winners are listed on pages 6 and 7, with society winners on pages 8 and 9.



FIRST AWARD FOR INDIVIDUALS

$150 in cash

Diane L. Schweizer
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For her editorial

The Foundation of Freedom

Turn to page 4 for a reprint of this editorial and information about the winner.

RHAWNHURST ENDEAVORERS singing carols in the halls of Frankfort Hospital early in December.

FIRST AWARD FOR SOCIETIES

$200 in cash

Senior High
Christian Endeavor Society
Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For its project

Ye Shall Be Witnesses unto Me
(Acts 1:8)

Full details about this project are given on page 5.

DIANE SCHWEIZER–TOP WINNER

Diane, who has been active in Christian Endeavor eight years, is secretary of the Senior High Society at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church. She is a junior at Northeast High School where she is a member of the Concert Choir.

Diane's editorial *The Foundation of Freedom* appeared in the February 3 issues of the TIMES newspapers (NORTHEAST TIMES, CASTOR TIMES, and MAYFAIR TIMES). It was also used during the January 23 Christian Endeavor meeting; on January 30 during the morning worship at South Kortright Presbyterian Church, Hobart, New York; and during the devotions at the February 14 Northeast Branch Rally. In addition, the editorial was reprinted in the February 8 church newsletter.

Last summer Diane spent a month traveling with a group from her church to Mexico. She hopes to travel to Europe this summer. Diane plans a career in elementary education.

Diane, who is 16, makes a presentation on Latin America in the Junior High Sunday School Department each month.

The top individual winner in the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program was Barbara J. Zink, also of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church.

The Foundation of Freedom

By DIANE SCHWEIZER

When the Pilgrims landed in America in 1620, it was to establish religious freedom for themselves in a land without dictated religious practices. Their desire for religious freedom grew into the complete freedom that we, a few hundred years later, enjoy in the strongest free nation in the world. The same belief, for which our forefathers fought, that freedom is not a man-made institution, but a God-given privilege, is still disputed in the world.

Freedom is exemption from the power or control of another. The molders of our Constitution determined to have a nation independent of any other. The members of the Constitutional Convention opened each session with prayer to God for his guidance, patience, and inspiration for the legislation they wrote.

Strongly rooted in our Constitution is our freedom of religion. Our personal and political liberties are under God's law and man's law.

As the generations progress, the adolescents of each age mature into the citizens who shape and govern our country. As young people, we must be prepared to accept the responsibilities of adult citizen life in our democratic society. There is a saying that each generation builds a road for the next. "The road has been well built for us."

It is our obligation to build the road for the next generation. We must . . . and I believe that we are starting to lay the foundation to built that road. Through organizations like the Peace Corps our young people are joining in the struggle to break "the bonds of mass misery and the chains of poverty."

It has been said that the younger generation is falling away in darkness. It is my hope and my belief that today's youth will light the way to a brighter tomorrow.

Teenagers are already giving of themselves in many ways, such, as international school aid, gifts to Vietnam, recreation coordinators at city playgrounds, financial aid to poverty areas, and through hospital volunteer work where they present hope to the aged and comfort to the sick.

We are the new age and "in our hands will fall the final success or failure of freedom." We must have the educational resources and the faith in God necessary to meet successfully the challenge of the age. "This is a great country; it can be greater. It is a powerful country. It can be more powerful. We are Americans. That is a proud boast. That is a great privilege, to be a citizen of the United States, and we must meet our responsibilities."

We can understand the principles of freedom, but we must support them and apply them "to assure the survival and the success of liberty." In doing this we must constantly remember that the foundation of our strength and our purpose is still faith in God.

Rhawnhurst Endeavorers ready for a trip

PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY TAKES FIRST HONORS

The Senior High Society of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church has an active membership of approximately 25 and reports excellent participation.

As part of their project *Ye Shall Be Witnesses unto Me* the society emphasized four areas: the home, the community, the state, and the world.

In the local church the members assisted in Sunday evening services, provided help for the daily vacation Bible school, and took responsibility for the Christmas decorations, making unique ornaments representing events in the life of Christ.

In the community these young people take charge of a program at the Boulevard Nursing Home the fourth Sunday of each month; on the first Sunday of December they conducted special services at Frankfort Hospital. In January members of the group prepared posters for store windows and distributed 1400 pamphlets urging proper observance of the Lord's Day.

Activities in the state include personal donations to buy 25 pocket New Testaments for the Philadelphia Youth Study Center. Members visited an innercity mission and also the Teen Challenge Center to learn of the work being done. The group also secured enough money to pay for 25 Christian Endeavor outdoor posters.

Emphasis on witnessing in the world included sending used Christmas cards to Korea, collecting used postage stamps for Japanese work, and a visit by a dozen of the youth to see mission work in Mexico. The girls have rolled bandages and prepared school kits for children overseas.

The weekend of January 28-30 a group of 37 went to Hobart, New York, for skiing, tobogganing, and fellowship with local young people. They participated in worship services in two different churches. Because of an 18" snowstorm the group had to stay two additional days which gave them an opportunity to understand rural living.

Richard Burkholder is president of the society, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troebs, Jr., serving as advisors. Minister of the church is Rev. Jerold B. Ellison; Rev. W. Richard Foster is assistant minister.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

SECOND AWARD — $100

William Dann Steinmeier

St. Louis, Missouri

For his talk *Youth Speaks in Our Day*

Vice-president of the high school society at Nelson Presbyterian Church, William is 15 years old. He presented his talk July 24 before the annual conference of the Prohibition Party of Missouri; it was later used in part in THE CHRISTIAN STATESMAN, a publication of the Missouri Prohibition Party. The talk presents a teen-age view of the problems of youth and alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics.

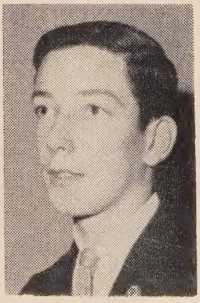
THIRD AWARD — $75

Jennifer Lynn Beebe

Claytonville, Illinois

For her article *Be Mindful of Our Motto*

Jennifer, who is 16 years old, is an honor student at Cissna Park High School and is president of the Youth Christian Endeavor Society at the Claytonville United Brethren Church. Her article appeared in the Voice of Youth Section of the January 16 CHICAGO TRIBUNE; for this she received $5. She says, "I doubt very much if the last time you held a dollar bill in your hand you remembered that the inscription, 'In God We Trust,' was on it. . . . I would deeply dread the day when we might become so self-assured the inscription, 'In Our Money We Trust,' becomes the motto for bills, for we would be destroying the purpose for which this great union was founded."



FOURTH AWARD — $50

Leon E. Castner

Branchville, New Jersey

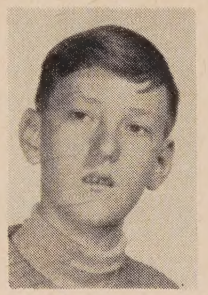
For his radio *talk Too Late*

Leon gave his talk over Radio Station WNNJ, Newton, on August 29; this station has a listening area of over 10 million persons. He also used this talk for the devotions at a December 6 Sussex County skating party when 150 youth were present. He says, "This talk was meant to present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord because only if Jesus Christ controls us can we have Christian citizenship. I believe this is Christian Endeavor's main purpose—to present Jesus Christ. I believe we can become citizens—the best citizens—by becoming a Christian." Leon, who is 16, is society vice-president at Lafayette Federated Church. He was fourth place winner in 1965.

RUNNERS-UP — $25 each (listed alphabetically)

Karen Adams

Carol Beatty



Harold Miller

George Weber

Karen Adams
Covington, Ohio

For her message *Jesus Christ—The Way to an Abundant Life*

Karen, who is 17, is publicity chairman for her society at the Covington United Presbyterian Church. Her talk was given during the morning worship February 13. She listed five benefits received from Christ—wisdom, joy, peace, eternal resources to meet our needs, and grace—and said, "We can know Jesus Christ, the Way to an Abundant Life of grace, as we let God express His grace through us."

Carol Beatty
Covington, Ohio

For her message *Jesus Christ—The Way to Worldwide Witness*

Carol is president of the society at the Covington United Presbyterian Church. She is 16 years old. When she gave her talk February 13 there was a special delegation of Cub Scouts and leaders present at the morning service. In answer to the question of how a citizen in a small community can witness, she gave these points: "(1) Have a loving concern for all men; (2) Respect the dignity of an individual; (3) Participate actively in worldwide efforts to carry the Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Harold Lee Miller
Denver, Colorado

For his poster against the evils of alcohol and tobacco

President of the Junior High Society at Mountain View Community Reformed Church, Harold is 13. He says this of his poster: "This entry was used as a Christian witness to my community by showing that there are people who are willing to stand up and protest against something they think is not right."

George F. Weber, Jr.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For his talk
What If the Ark Leaked?

George, who is 20, is a Sunday school teacher at Calvary Church of the Brethren. He gave his talk February 2 at the weekly prayer meeting. His purpose was to challenge the congregation to bear witness for Christ in the community. He said, "Noah's ark, we recall, did not sink because it was protected. He obeyed God and pitched the ark within and without. From this we learn that this is our need today—to have our arks protected. Not with the use of pitch, but with the Lord Jesus Christ." He concluded, "As Christian citizens we must proclaim this Christ where'er it be so that these arks will not sink but be able to sail upon the rough seas and come to rest with God."

SOCIETY WINNERS

SECOND AWARD — $125

Senior High Christian Endeavor Society
Lafayette Federated Church, Lafayette, New Jersey

For its project of three radio programs

This group of high school young people entered three programs presented over Radio Station WNNJ, Newton, New Jersey, and heard in a listening area of approximately 10 million. These were aired on a fifteen-minute program called "Contact" which is sponsored by the church to help listeners make contact with God. The pastor, Rev. Carl A. Luthman, praises the enthusiasm of the youth and their desire to witness for Christ. Leonard Robinson is president; the advisors are Ken and Beth Hanna and Mrs. May Sutton.

THIRD AWARD — $100

Junior Christian Endeavor Society
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

For its project encouraging Bible reading in the community

This society of 12 active members selected a project they felt was needed in their community. In November they took Bible portions to a nursing home. In December they had a poster contest and gave out Bible reading bookmarks to church members. In January they made posters and "sandwich" signs to advertise their February distribution of Scripture portions at a local shopping center. The Juniors feel that as people read the Bible and apply its teachings the result will be better Christian citizenship. Mary Moffitt is sponsor.

FOURTH AWARD — $75

Junior High - Senior High Christian Endeavor Society
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

For its project to encourage Scripture reading

This society met on November 13 and, after devotions, visited homes in the area to distribute Worldwide Bible Reading bookmarks. The group also conducted Sunday school devotions December 5 on Bible reading and made a gift to the American Bible Society. According to the counselor, Mrs. Joseph E. Pringle, there was 100% participation.

BELOW LEFT — Dallas Juniors with "sandwich" signs advertising the society's distribution of Scripture portions. RIGHT — Roanoke Endeavorers ready to distribute daily Bible readings.

ABOVE LEFT — Patrolman J. B. Stanford poses with Judy Hart, Senior High president, for the second meeting sponsored by Richmond societies. RIGHT — Somerville (Ohio) youth check over toys so necessary repairs can be made before Christmas.

RUNNERS-UP — $25 each (listed alphabetically by state)

Christian Endeavor Society
First Christian Church, Merritt Island, Florida

For its project of serving as church custodians to secure funds for activities and helping others

Christian Youth Training Program
Flora Heights Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

For its project *We Believe: A Christian Attitude Makes You a Better Driver*

Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Societies
Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

For its project *Know Your Policeman (Romans 13:1-10)*

Christian Endeavor Society
United Presbyterian Church, Somerville, Ohio

For its Christmas project *Toys for Tots*

Society winners sponsored and reported completed Christian citizenship activities begun after May 31, 1965. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community. Judges for the society entries were James L. Gaupp and H. Jack Jones of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Hope F. Norris of Austin, Texas.

Individuals were permitted to enter an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or cartoon in the Awards Program. Entries were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, the manner in which they implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and their Christian witness to the community. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after May 31, 1965, and completed by February 15, 1966. Judges for the individual entries were Rev. Lewis C. Berger, C. Carlton Hartley, and Dr. Robert J. Wherry, Sr., all of Columbus, Ohio.

CONVENTION CHOIR rehearsing under the direction of Harry Carser; 400 have already enrolled with a total of 500 anticipated.

BELFAST PREPARES FOR WORLD'S CONVENTION

LEADERS OF THE Belfast committee meeting with Harold E. Westerhoff March 31 are (from left) John Anderson, direct assistant secretary; Rev. T. Henry Holloway, secretary; Rev. F. Rupert Gibson, chairman; Mr. Westerhoff; and Dorothy Lloyd, recording secretary.

CONVENTION CITY COMMITTEE members meeting during Mr. Westerhoff's visit to Belfast are: Front row (from left) — Rev. James Carson, young people's; Margaret Newell, praise; Eleanor McClune, assistant secretary; Beth Porter, junior; Harry Martin, halls and seating. Second row — Harry Coote, assistant publicity; Harry Gough, transportation; Rev. R. H. Lowry, pulpit supplies; Rev. J. B. Irvine, handbook; and Rev. S. E. M. Brown, pulpit supplies. These are only a portion of the almost 50 leaders planning local arrangements.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1966 Society Roll Call. Organizations listed below contributed during March. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; red seals represent a gift of $30, blue seals $15.

Gold Seal

Junior-Teen and Senior High, Third Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois
Roseville United Brethren in Christ Church, Ayr, Ontario, Canada

Red Seal

Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Luzerne County Alumni Association, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
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Muskegon Union, Muskegon, Michigan
Youth Fellowship, The Reformed Church, Holland, Nebraska
Brighton Reformed Church, Webster, New York
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First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Lancaster County Adult Fellowship, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Youth Fellowship, Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm, Pennsylvania
Junior High and Senior High, Leacock United Presbyterian Church, Paradise, Pennsylvania
Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Four Societies of Westminster-Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Endeavor Service Club, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Young People's, Trinity United Evangelical Church, Shamokin, Pennsylvania
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Senior High, Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia
Roanoke Junior Union, Roanoke, Virginia
Junior Choir, Spring Green Congregational Church, Spring Green, Wisconsin
#Senior High, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Young People's, New Dundee United Brethren Church, New Dundee, Ontario, Canada
Young People's, Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

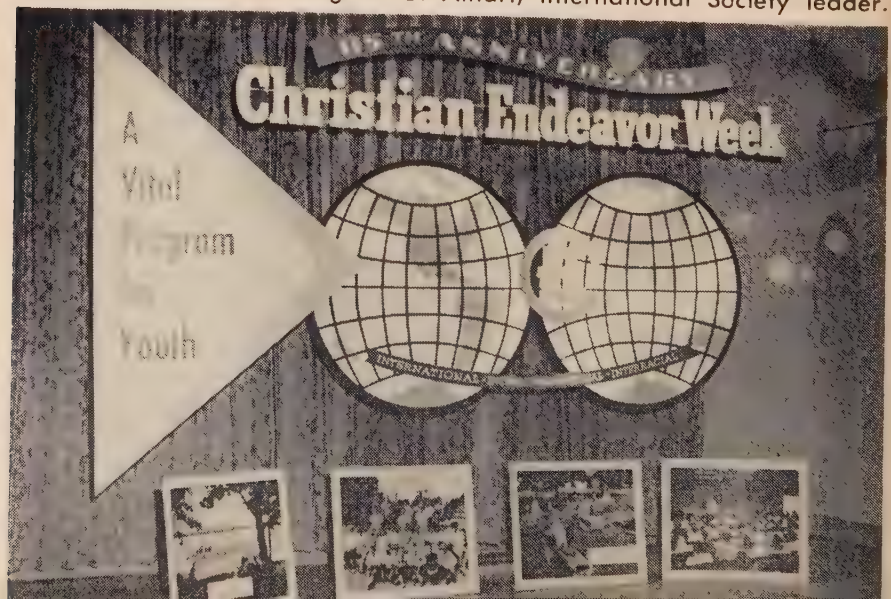
*Enrolled in December 1965
#Incorrectly listed in the last issue

NEWS

Photos by Dean Helmick

OREGON ENDEAVORERS held their state convention March 17-20 in Klamath Falls, with 687 present. "For What Am I Living?" was the theme. Guest speaker was Elwood Dunn of Michigan, International Society extension representative. In the photo at left he enjoys a joke session with Timothy J. Kribs (right), the high school Quiet Hour leader. Winners in the dramatization contest (above) were these youth from Coast Union.

THIS ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY in the main office window of the Rochester Gas and Electric Company added much to the observances of Christian Endeavor Week in this New York city. The display was arranged through the efforts of Eugene G. Alhart, International Society leader.



Easter Sunrise Services

Outstanding among the many Easter sunrise services conducted by Christian Endeavor societies are those in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The St. Louis Endeavorers held their annual service at Tower Grove Park with the 100-voice Roosevelt High School A Cappella Choir and the Salvation Army Band providing music. The speaker was Dr. James E. Spivey.

The Civic Auditorium was the scene of the 32nd annual sunrise service sponsored by the Grand Rapids Unions. Ralph E. Robrahn was the song leader with Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union, speaking. Music was provided by the Gospel Choristers under the direction of Clair Hess with Harold De Cou as accompanist.

National Presidents to Belfast

Rev. T. Melville Bailey of Hamilton, Ontario, the president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union, has been selected to be their official delegate to the World's Convention in Belfast.

The president of the Mexican National Union has also been selected as an official delegate to Belfast. He is Carlos A. Castillo M. of Monterrey.

TOP LEADERS of the movement participated in a banquet February 26 in Huntington, Indiana, with Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, speaking. Taking a close look at the Presidential Chain held by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, are (from left) Earle W. Gates, Jr., Huntington College student from New York and college society president at College Park United Brethren Church; Carol Johnson, former Welland County (Ontario) president; Rev. Ray Zimmerman, Indiana president; Mr. McQuilkin; and David Jackson, president of Indiana's Northeast District Union.

DELAYED BY SNOW, the Christian Endeavor Week Banquet of the societies of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Boyertown, Pennsylvania, and the Pleasantville Evangelical Congregational Church was finally held. Among those at the head table (left) are Gordon Straube, master of ceremonies; Kenneth Schultz, song leader; and John Thuss, speaker. Approximately 90 attended.

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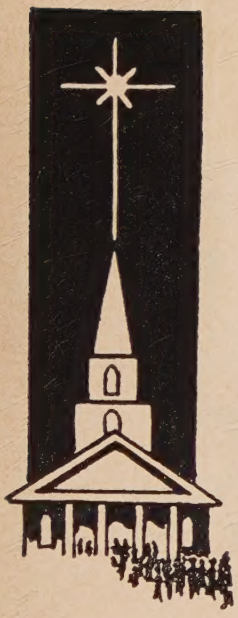

By the general secretary

HAROLD E. WESTERHOFF

The Tow'ring Cross

ON THE WANSEE ROAD in West Berlin there is a little publicized sight that makes alive the words of the hymn writer: "In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time." • On the Potsdamer Chausee stands a scarred, gaunt, but rugged cross. Nothing else. Just the cross. And it has stood there unharmed for a number of years. How did it get there? That is a story of Christian witness almost without parallel. • Earlier at this location the victorious Russian Communists had installed a Russian tank—a gigantic affair—as a memorial in the West of their victory over the Germans. It had to be seen. It was anchored in the middle of the median strip that marks the road to Wansee. And at the nearby bridge is a checkpoint for crossing from the freedom of the West to the prison of the East. So many would pass the tank and again be made aware of the victorious Communists. • But they failed to reckon with the Christians of Germany. One night there was erected within the shadow of the tank this tall, gaunt cross, rising taller than the tank and casting a shadow longer than the tank. What would be the fate of the cross? What would be the reaction of the Communist leaders whose monument to their fighting might was overshadowed by the cross? Would this silent voice of protest be removed? Indeed, the cross stood and the tank was removed. The tank was moved into the safety of the East Zone, along the autobahn. And the tank was placed on a high brick pedestal out of reach. • And the cross? It still stands as it was planted that night. The tank memorial is a relatively forgotten monument. The cross continues its silent but potent witness to all who pass by. The diabolical nature of those Communist victors turned in on itself and the Cross of Christ is there instead — "Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time."

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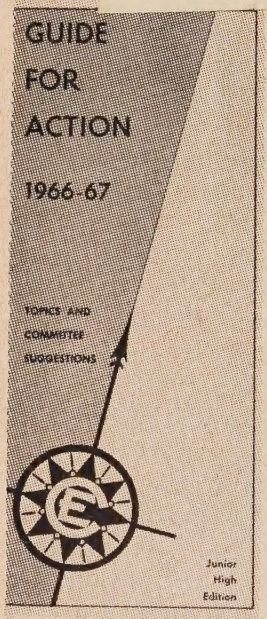

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